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SUBJECT: JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT REQUESTS ADDITIONAL
SOYA MEAL ALLOCATIONS.

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1. MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND TOURISM IN JULY 10 LETTER
ADDRESSED TO THE AMBASSADOR REQUESTS THAT THE USG
ALLOW JAMAICA QUOTE ON A GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT BASIS
UNQUOTE ADDITIONAL ALLOWANCES OF SOYA MEAL ABOVE THE
50 PERCENT OF OURSTANDING ORDERS FORMULA PRESCRIBED
BY THE U.S. DEPARTMST OF AGRICULTURE.

2. LETTER STATES GOJ PRELIMINARY SURVEY OF JAMAICAN
FEED MANUFACTURERS SHOWED THAT THEY WILL BE SHORT ABOUT
1,000 TONS OF SOYA MEAL PER MONTH, EVEN ALLOWING FOR NEW
FORMULATIONS WHICH CUT DOWN THE AMOUNT OF PROTEIN
INGREDIENTS USED. SERIOUS FOOD SHORTAGES MAY RESULT
FROM EXPECTED HEAVY LOSSES OF LIVESTOCK IF FEED IMPORTS
ARE CURTAILED. MINISTER P.J. PATTERSON, THEREFORE, ASKS
AT LEAST ANOTHER 1,000 TONS OF SOYA MEAL (OR EQUIVALENT
PROTEIN MEAL) PER MONTH ALLOCATION BE GIVEN JAMAICA. THE
LETTER CLOSED ASKING THAT URGENT AND CLOSE ATTENTION BE
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3. EMBASSY COMMENT: THE UNITED STATES SUPPLIES ALL PRO-
TEIN INGREDIENTS IMPORTED BY THE JAMAICAN FEED INDUSTRY
AND JAMAICA HAS BEEN A GOOD MARKET FOR MANY YEARS FOR
THESE PRODUCTS. JAMAICAN LIVESTOCK IS SO DEPENDENT ON
IMPORTED FEED THAT A PRECIPITOUS DROP IN SUPPLIES COULD
LEAD TO SERIOUS DISRUPTIONS IN THE LIVESTOCK BUSINESS.
IN VIEW OF THE MERITS OF THE CASE
AND EXTREME DEPENDENCE ON UNITED STATES SUPPLIES, AS WELL
AS OTHER RECENT DIFFERENCES WITH JAMAICA SUCH AS DAQ
QUESTION, EMBASSY BELIEVES CAREFUL CONSIDERATION
AND IF POSSIBLE RESPONSIVE ANSWERS
SHOULD BE GIVEN GOJ REQUEST. DE ROULET

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